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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Families and Human Services  
Michigan State Senate  
State Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

The Honorable Lauren Hager, Chair  
House Committee on Family and Children Services  
Michigan House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Hager

Attached please find the report that fulfills the requirement in Section 524 of P.A. 529 of 2002, which directs the Family Independence Agency (FIA) to report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on FIA, the senate and house standing committees having jurisdiction over human services matters, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and senate and house policy offices, the status of the Prevention Services for Families (PSF) program.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Maria Candy at (517) 335-3519.

Sincerely,

S/S June 3, 2003

Nannette M. Bowler

Cc: Senate Committee on Families and Human Services  
House Committee on Family and Children's Services  
Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FIA,  
House Appropriations subcommittee on FIA,  
Gary Olsen, Director Senate Fiscal Agency  
Mitch Bean, Director, House Fiscal Agency  
Jennifer Zambiasi, Senate Majority Policy Office  
Karyn Burke, Senate Majority Policy Office

**Annual Report on the Status of the Prevention Services for  
Families (PSF) Program**  
April 30, 2003

In the last twelve months we have provided PSF training to 559 Family Independence Specialists (FIS) and Family Independence Managers (FIM). The frequency of scheduled PSF training has declined based on less demand from the field. Demand has declined due to:

- Restricted travel funds
- Staff shortages due to early retirements
- Some local offices are choosing to specialize PSF
- Some local offices do not have sufficient resources to administer this program at this time

The PSF program, as all other Lines of Service, is currently going through an immersion process. This process looks at what we are currently doing, identifies waste and opportunity, and makes recommendations for improvements. We look forward to the results of this process and hope to make changes to the policy and procedure that will enable staff to have maximum positive impact on family functioning, while using minimum resources.